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April 27, 2017

Mrs. Shelia M. Hinds
3028 Wildflower Drive
LaPlata, MD 20646

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CASE DON-NAVY-2017-002382

Dear Mrs. Hinds:

This is our final response to your January 6, 2017, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you seek a complete copy of NAVSEA Inspector General (IG) Investigation Case number 201601412.

I considered your request under the FOIA (5 U.S.C. 552), as amended, and the Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5720.42F. We conducted a search of this Headquarters files. Knowledgeable personnel at headquarters were able to identify and locate the requested records.

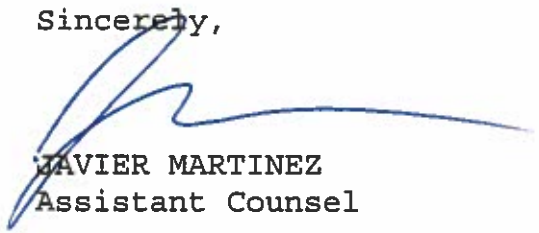
After careful review of the requested documents, I determined that some portions of them contain information that is prohibited from disclosure under FOIA sections (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C), known as "Exemption 6" and "Exemption 7", respectively. Exemption 6 prohibits disclosure of personal information when an individual's privacy interest in it outweighs any public interest. Exemption 7(C) is broader than the privacy standard of Exemption 6, but only protects privacy information contained in records compiled for a law enforcement purpose. Exemption 7(C) requires withholding of records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, where disclosure "could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." A copy of the releasable portion of the responsive documents is the enclosure to this letter.

I am the official responsible for this response to your request. You may submit a written administrative appeal of my decision. Because some of the requested records have been denied or redacted, you may consider this an adverse determination that may be appealed in writing to the Department of the Navy, Office of the General Counsel, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350. If you decide to file an appeal, it must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. If you file an appeal, attach a copy of this letter to the appeal and mark the appeal letter and the envelope FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT APPEAL. Mail the original appeal to the Department of the Navy, Office of General Counsel, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350. Mail a copy of your appeal to the Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command (SEA 00A5), 1333 Isaac Hull Avenue, SE, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20376-1021.

Fees for processing your request have been waived in this instance since we were unable to respond to your request within 20 workdays. However, be advised that you may be charged for future requests.

If you have any questions concerning the processing of your request, please contact Ms. Donna M. Hamlin at 202-781-2347.

Sincerely,



JAVIER MARTINEZ
Assistant Counsel

Enclosure